



## **Arlington Disability Commission Minutes**

**Date:** Wednesday, January 20, 2021

**Time:** 4:00 pm

**Location:** Conducted by Remote Participation

Attendees: Commissioners Cynthia DeAngelis (Chair), Darcy Devney, Paul Parravano, Michael Rademacher (Public Works Director), Kerrie Fallon, Paul Raia,

Guests: Jillian Harvey (DEI Director), Christina Coleman (DEI Administrative Assistant), Grace Carpenter (Volunteer), Janice Cagan-Teuber (resident), Jennifer Susse (resident), Doug Heim (Town Counsel)

Absent: Karen Mathiasen, Liza Molina, Maureen St. Hilaire (Vice Chair)

### Minutes

Meeting Called to Order at 4:07pm by DeAngelis

1. Call to Order- Read Ground Rules, Welcome (5 min)
2. Approve December Minutes
  - a. Raia moved to approve December minutes, Parravano seconded motion, unanimously approved
3. Check-Ins (10 min)
  - a. Moved to end of meeting
4. New Business (25 min)
  - a. Eagle Project Presentation - Tabled
  - b. Automatic Traffic Signals
    - i. Tabled to next meeting
  - c. Discussion of Movement & Mobility in Town
    - i. Fallon expressed concerns about barriers at Town Hall construction site; concerned about safety of barriers for individuals who are visually impaired.

- ii. Rademacher – project is being ran by the Facilities Department; built ramps on sidewalk and ramps along the front of Town Hall; will discuss concerns with the project manager.
    - iii. Raia – suggested adding a textured carpet along construction site to direct individuals in the area that is safe
    - iv. Parravano – recommends adding cones with ribbons along construction site; – would have to measure correct height for ribbons
  - d. Warrant Discussion for Spring TM – Harvey
    - i. Devney introduced two new draft warrant articles for Spring Town Meeting
    - ii. Draft Warrant Article 1: ARB is now allowed to reduce amount of parking on site by 75%; establish warrant article that discusses requirements for Off-Street HP parking.
    - iii. Raia motions to move motion Draft Warrant Article 1, Fallon seconded, all in favor, motioned approved.
    - iv. DeAngelis Amends Raia's proposal – wants to work on language prior to Disability Commission's Emergency Warrant Article Meeting on January 27<sup>th</sup>.
    - v. Draft Warrant Article 2: Amend the zoning bylaw to ensure that all permits, including special permits are conditioned upon compliance with the Architectural Access Board and American with Disabilities Act standards.
    - vi. Raia motioned to move that the Disability Commission file Draft Warrant Article 2; Parravano seconded, all in favor – motion approved.
  - e. Special Education Parent Advisory Council
    - i. Tabled to retreat
- 5. Election Nominations
  - a. DeAngelis nominates Devney to be the chair of the commission.
  - b. DeAngelis moved to vote Devney as the chair of the Disability Commission; unanimously approved
  - c. Devney elected as Chair of the Disability Commission effective January 20, 2021.
  - d. Elections for Vice-Chair and Secretary will take place during February's meeting.
- 6. Committee Updates
  - a. Tabled to next meeting.
- 7. Budget Update
  - a. Remaining budget is \$20,000

- b. The FY21 Municipal ADA Improvement Grant that Harvey applied to, resulted in no award, she will meet with program coordinators to review the Town's application.
- 8. DEI Updates
  - a. DEI overview for retreat
- 9. Priorities for next meeting's agenda
  - a. Goals for 2021
  - b. Automatic Traffic Signals
  - c. Elections
  - d. Retreat Update
  - e. Disability button research

Rademacher motions to adjourn meeting, Parravano seconded, all approved, meeting adjourned at 6:01pm.